

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF AG and EXTENSION EDUCATION COMMITTEES
OF LAFAYETTE COUNTY
WEDNESDAY, September 2, 2015 – 9:30 AM
Ag & Extension Meeting Room – Courthouse, Darlington**

Members Present: John Bartels, Carol Korn, Larry Ludlum, and Leon Wolfe

Others Present: Lori Berget, Kory Stalsberg

The meeting was called to order by Chairman John Bartels at 9:35 a.m.

Berget stated that the meeting had been properly posted in the Ag Center, Courthouse and Darlington Municipal Building, and sent to the Republican Journal.

A motion was made by Wolfe and second by Ludlum to approve the Agenda for the Ag & Extension Committee meeting on Wednesday, September 2, 2015. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Korn and second by Wolfe to approve the minutes from the Ag & Extension Committee meeting, on August 5, 2015 and August 19, 2015. Motion carried.

Discussion and Update on Civil Rights

Lafayette County will be reviewed in 2016 – keep track in your monthly reports.

Discussion and Update on the 2016 UW-Extension Budget

The Committee reviewed the handout from Maurer (highlighted area indicating the changes made at the August 19th meeting). There was no action taken as there were no changes made from the approved budget by the Committee on August 19. It is ready to go to finance.

Discussion and Update on Joint UW-Extension Ag Educators with Grant and Lafayette Counties

Possible meeting dates were discussed. October 12 works for the Lafayette County Committee. Jack will be notified once the meeting is set. Waiting to hear from Grant County Committee. Both Counties will meet at UW-Platteville farm at 10:00 a.m. on the selected date.

Discussion and Possible Action on Ordering Water Test Kits (CNRED)

Korn moved to order the 20 kits at a cost of \$60, motion was second by Ludlum. Motion carried. Kits will be ordered.

Educator Reports

Kory touched on upcoming activities, gave a brief overview of the plastic pick-up recycling project, and handout out a few flyers to the committee advertising the Dairy Margin Protection Program meeting on September 14, 2105. Lori touched on several 4-H activities that were happening, what the plans were for upcoming 4-H Week for the county, and about the new 4-H year that starts October 1, 2015. Ted's report highlighted his involvement with Farm Technology Days and other activities he is involved in, including the plastic recycling.

Recycling Update from Ag Educator

Kory and Ted have contacted farmers and created a "route" for possible use by the plastic company. The plastic company is waiting to see how the Green County on-farm pickups go, before they purchase the needed dumpsters for the Lafayette County farms. Kory and Ted talked to the plastic company at the Farm Technology Days, and will be visiting with them again at the World Dairy Expo.

UW-External Relations Survey

Lori asked the committee if they had taken the survey already. If they hadn't taken the survey, there was a computer provided for all of the members to complete the survey on the spot.

Review of Vouchers

A motion was made by Ludlum and second by Korn to approve the vouchers.

Next Meeting Date & Items for Agenda

The next meeting will be: tentatively set for October 12 at 10:00 a.m. at UW-Platteville farm with Grant County (Lafayette County meeting to follow).

Adjournment

It was moved by Korn and second by Ludlum to adjourn meeting at 10:30 a.m. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted:

Lori Berget